

Minutes of the electronically conducted regular meeting of the City Commission held Monday, November 9, 2020, at 7:00 p.m.

Mayor Joseph called the meeting to order and the Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Commissioners Present: Mayor William Joseph and Vice Mayor Amy Perschbacher; Commissioners Mary Alsager, Lori Gillis, Kristin LaLonde, George Ronan and Petro Tolas. All present commissioners indicated they were in Mt. Pleasant in Isabella County, MI.

Commissioners Absent: None

Others Present: City Manager Nancy Ridley, Acting City Clerk Chris Saladine and City Attorney Michael Homier

All present attended virtually via Zoom video conference.

Proclamations and Presentations

Central Michigan University (CMU) President Robert Davies gave a presentation on the status of various aspects of activity at Central Michigan University.

Public Input on Agenda Items

Tammy Melton, 1151 Meadow Dr., commented on lack of shoulder on Crawford Road being a safety hazard for pedestrians and bikers and spoke in support of pedestrian connector project.

*Due to the meeting being conducted electronically, some public comments were emailed to the City and then read aloud by City Manager Ridley.

Jennifer Schisa, 3145 Hunters Trail, communicated support for 2050 Master Plan, especially non-motorized projects and improvements to Mission Creek Park.

Receipt of Petitions and Communications

Received the following petitions and communications:

1. City Manager report on pending items.
 - a. Monthly report on police related citizen complaints received.
2. Traffic Control Committee Meeting Minutes. (August)
3. Downtown Development Authority Meeting Minutes. (September)
4. Parks and Recreation Commission Meeting Minutes. (September)

Moved by Commissioner Gillis and supported by Commissioner Tolas to approve the following items on the Consent Calendar:

1. Minutes of the electronically conducted regular meeting of the City Commission held October 26, 2020.
2. Authorize the Mayor to sign a contract with Tokio Marine HCC for health insurance stop loss coverage at the rate of \$55.08 per month for single coverage and \$151.63 per month for family coverage with a \$150,000 deductible.
3. Award the Industrial Park South Detention Pond expansion project to The Isabella Corporation of Mt. Pleasant, Michigan for \$196,754 contingent upon EDA approval.
4. Continuation of the purchase-buyback program with Krapohl Ford for the purchase of 14 trucks at a total cost of \$436,136 as recommended.
5. Resolution extending the temporary permitting of outdoor business activities to March 14, 2021 as presented. (CC Exh 14-2020)
6. Receive an ordinance to amend Chapter 150 of the Mt. Pleasant City Code to create a new division entitled "Property Standards" to regulate property conditions, to amend Section 150.99 and to repeal and relocate the regulations in Section 96.09 pertaining to inoperable vehicles and set a public hearing for November 23, 2020 at 7:00 p.m. on same.
7. Receive an ordinance to amend Chapter 50 of the Mt. Pleasant City Code to amend the regulation of accumulation of solid waste and associated penalties and set a public hearing for November 23, 2020 at 7:00 p.m. on same.
8. Warrants dated October 27 & 28, 2020 and November 4, 2020 and Payrolls dated October 30, 2020 all totaling \$794,821.01.

A public hearing was held on proposed 2021 Annual Operating Budget. There being no public comments or communications, the Mayor closed the public hearing. No action required by the Commission at this time.

A public hearing was held on proposed ordinance for the rezoning of 623 S. Fancher from CZ (Civic Zone) to CD-3 (Sub-Urban). There being no public comments or communications received the Mayor closed the public hearing.

Moved by Commissioner Gillis and supported by Commissioner Tolas that Ordinance 1059, an ordinance to rezone 623 S. Fancher from CZ (Civic Zone) to CD-3 (Sub-Urban) having been introduced and read, now be passed, ordained and ordered published.

AYES: Commissioners Alsager, Gillis, Joseph, LaLonde, Perschbacher, Ronan & Tolas

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

Motion unanimously adopted.

A public hearing was held on proposed text change to amend table 154.405.A to update district density in the CD-4 General Urban Character District. There being no public comments or communications received the Mayor closed the public hearing.

Moved by Commissioner Tolas and supported by Vice Mayor Perschbacher that Ordinance 1060, an ordinance to amend table 154.405.A to update district density in the CD-4 General Urban Character District having been introduced and read, now be passed, ordained and ordered published.

AYES: Commissioners Alsager, Joseph, LaLonde, Perschbacher, Ronan & Tolas

NAYS: Commissioner Gillis

ABSENT: None

Motion carried.

A public hearing was held on proposed 2050 Master Plan as recommended by the Planning Commission and Parks and Recreation Commission. There being no public comments or communications received the Mayor closed the public hearing.

Moved by Commissioner Alsager and supported by Commissioner Ronan to approve the resolution to adopt the final version of the 2050 Master Plan as presented.

WHEREAS, the City of Mt. Pleasant Planning Commission has elected to draft, review, and adopt a new master plan pursuant to the procedures set forth in the Michigan Planning Enabling Act, PA 33 of 2008, MCL 125.3801, et seq; and

WHEREAS, the City of Mt. Pleasant Parks and Recreation Commission held a public hearing on the proposed Master Plan, inclusive of the charts, maps, demographic data, future land use plan, and goals, for the City on September 22, 2020; and

WHEREAS, Whereas, the City of Mt. Pleasant Parks and Recreation Commission adopted a resolution on September 22, 2020, that recommended approval and adoption of the Master Plan to the City Commission, which was received by the City Commission at their October 12, 2020 regular meeting; and

WHEREAS, the City of Mt. Pleasant Planning Commission held a public hearing on the proposed Master Plan, inclusive of the charts, maps, demographic data, future land use plan, and goals, for the City on October 1, 2020; and

WHEREAS, the City of Mt. Pleasant Planning Commission adopted a resolution on October 1, 2020, that recommended approval and adoption of the Master Plan to the City Commission, which was received by the City Commission at their October 12, 2020 regular meeting; and

WHEREAS, the City Commission held a public hearing on the proposed Master Plan, inclusive of the charts, maps, demographic data, future land use plan, and goals, for the City on November 9, 2020;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the City Commission of the City of Mt. Pleasant hereby adopts and approves this Master Plan.

AYES: Commissioners Alsager, Joseph, LaLonde, Perschbacher & Ronan

NAYS: Commissioners Gillis & Tolas

ABSENT: None

Motion carried.

Moved by Vice Mayor Perschbacher and supported by Commissioner Ronan to approve contract with Enterprise Fleet Management for the purchase of four trucks at a total cost of \$119,851 as presented.

AYES: Commissioners Alsager, Joseph & Perschbacher

NAYS: Commissioners Gillis, LaLonde, Ronan & Tolas

ABSENT: None

Motion failed.

Moved by Commissioner Tolas and supported by Commissioner Gillis to approve lowering the Building, Fire & Sanitary Sewer Board of Appeals application fee to \$175 to cover costs.

AYES: Commissioner Tolas

NAYS: Commissioners Alsager, Gillis, Joseph, LaLonde, Perschbacher & Ronan

ABSENT: None

Motion Failed.

Moved by Commissioner Gillis and supported by Commissioner Alsager to deny the request to waive the Building, Fire & Sanitary Sewer Board of Appeals application fee.

AYES: Commissioners Alsager, Gillis, Joseph, LaLonde, Perschbacher & Ronan

NAYS: Commissioner Tolas

ABSENT: None

Motion carried.

Moved by Commissioner Ronan and supported by Commissioner Gillis to table action on recommendation from Principal Shopping District Board regarding special assessment billing until 2021 when more information would be available on snow removal options and costs in the Principal Shopping District.

AYES: Commissioners Alsager, Gillis, Joseph, LaLonde, Perschbacher, Ronan & Tolas

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

Motion unanimously adopted.

Announcements on City-Related Issues and New Business

Mayor Joseph reminded community we are in a pandemic so the community should continue to follow protocols for Covid-19 protection.

Commissioner Gillis thanked election workers and staff for the successful 2020 election. She reminded the public that we have board and commission vacancies and that we are looking for Aquatic Center Authority Members from the community. She also reminded the public to social distance and wear masks.

Commissioner Alsager commended city staff on safe and efficient election.

City Attorney Homier reminded Commission that current Open Meetings Act Legislation allowing virtual meetings only goes through the end of December.

Moved by Commissioner Gillis and supported by Commissioner LaLonde to adjourn the meeting and postpone the work session.

AYES: Commissioners Gillis & Tolas

NAYS: Commissioners Alsager, Joseph, LaLonde, Perschbacher & Ronan

ABSENT: None

Motion failed.

The Commission recessed at 10:03 p.m. and went into work session at 10:08 p.m.

WORK SESSION - Discuss 2021 Operating Budget.

Mayor Joseph and City Manager Ridley led a discussion on the proposed 2021 Operating Budget.

Discussion ensued.

Mayor Joseph adjourned the meeting without objection at 10:35 p.m.

William L. Joseph, Mayor

Chris Saladine, Acting City Clerk